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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL with  
REQUEST for CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

SIR:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 20, 2004 and received in the above-identified patent application, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendment and remarks. Applicant has concurrently filed a petition for a three month extension of time for responding to the Action along with a Request for Continued Examination.

Please amend the application according to the following "Amendments to the Claims" section. Specifically, kindly cancel claims 15-53 without prejudice to further prosecute them in this or any other application, and add new claims 54-92. For the convenience of the Office, all of the pending claims are reproduced, with parenthetical indications of the currently applicable status corresponding to each claim.